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We can show a very handsome stock of Spring Millinery this season. Our stock is now complete, and we will sell some good bargains in many things. In paying cash for our goods and no rent to pay, we can afford to sell goods cheap.

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The great value of this crop is only now being appreciated. Wood's Descriptive Catalogue tells all about it as a source of wealth for the farmer. It is a new crop, and its cultivation is a new industry. It is a new crop, and its cultivation is a new industry. It is a new crop, and its cultivation is a new industry.

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WESTMORELAND.

Notes and Personal Items.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Oak Grove, Va., April 25th, 1900.

The bright sunshine and rains have brought out many lovely flowers in the pretty yards at this place, but the farmers have been much delayed by the rain, consequently all farm work and gardening is more than usually delayed. Many gardens in this section have not even been plowed, but doubtless when the seed are sown they will very soon advance as rapidly as seed sown earlier in other sections, for this soil is of a nature that brings vegetation on rapidly.

The Easter holidays were much enjoyed here; many of the girls and boys who were away from the neighborhood, returning to enjoy the season at home. The most enjoyable event of the week was a "word party," given by Miss Janet Latane, at the rectory. The entire neighborhood was invited, and a galaxy of pretty girls and gallant beaux assembled to enjoy the evening in this hospitable home. After a great deal of fun, the prize for guessing the largest number of words was awarded Mr. Henry Taylor. It was a lovely picture. Mr. George Taylor, who was spending the week at home, won the booby prize, a "kissing bag." Delightful refreshments were served, and the table was exquisitely decorated with flowers, the centre-piece being of beautiful hot-house flowers.

Hon. R. J. Washington has been quite sick, but is better.

Misses Elsie and Isabelle Washington have returned from a delightful visit of a week in the National Capital city.

Mr. Willie Taylor is out again, after an attack of grip.

Mrs. Harry Oates is able to be out driving. Mrs. Oates, Sr., is quite sick.

Mrs. Frank Jones and family have returned to "Carrolla," after spending the winter at Somerset Beach, where Mr. Jones is still in business.

The brick-kill near here has been in operation for some days past, though the rain has been hard on the workmen.

Miss Augusta Wirt has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Dr. Wirt, at "Wirtland."

Miss Fannie Washington left some days ago to visit her aunt, Mrs. L. Eagle, in Baltimore.

Messrs. Tom Mayo and Stafford Murphy were visitors in our village recently.

Mr. McGinness expects to open a new post-office very soon, a short distance above "Wirtland," on Mr. Barker's land.

The "no fence law" has gone into operation here now, so every one has to put stock up, much to the inconvenience of many who have heretofore had the privilege of letting their cows and other stock graze along the public highway as they wished.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than in other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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December 1, 1897.

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BEN BOLT.

Don't you remember sweet Alice, Ben Bolt?

Sweet Alice, whose hair was so brown, Who wept with delight when you gave her a smile, And trembled with fear at your frown? In the old churchyard in the valley, Ben Bolt, In a corner obscure and alone, They have fitted a slab of the granite so gray, And Alice lies under the stone.

Under the hickory tree, Ben Bolt, Which stood at the foot of the hill, Together we've lain in the noonday shade, And listened to Appleton's mill. The mill-wheel has fallen to pieces, Ben Bolt, The rafters have tumbled in, And a quiet which crawls around the walls as you gaze, Has followed the olden din.

Do you mind the cabin of 1836 Ben Bolt, At the edge of the pathless wood, And the broken-bell tree, and the rocky limbs, Which high by the door-step stood? The cabin to ruin has gone, Ben Bolt, The trees you would seek for in vain, And where once the birds of the forest waved Are grass and golden grain.

And don't you remember the school, Ben Bolt, With the master so cruel and grim, And the shaded nook in the running brook, Where the children went to swim? Grass grows on the master's grave Ben Bolt, The spring of the brook is dry, And of all the boys who went to school, There are only you and I.

There is a change in the things I loved, Ben Bolt, They have changed from the old to the new, But I feel in the depths of my spirit the truth, There never was change in you. Twelvemonths twenty have passed, Ben Bolt, Since first we were friends—yet I still Your presence a blessing, your friendship a truth, Ben Bolt of the salt sea gale.

—Thomas Dunn English.

KING GEORGE.

A New Enterprise Big Fish Packing Factory in Successful Operation. Large Number of Men Employed.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

King George Co., Va., April 26, 1900.

The readers of the wide-awake paper, The Free Lance, will doubtless feel an interest in an enterprise, which though only in its infancy, is felt through all this section—lower King George and upper Westmoreland. The fish-packing factory of Messrs. Johnson and Oswell, which is situated near Wilkerson's wharf, on Hon. G. Jesse Gouldman's beach, is an enterprise that is not only a success at present, but promises even greater things for the future. The proprietors are men of energy and means from Washington. The large packing house is 50 feet by 150, and built with all modern improvements—cement floors, cement vats, water brought by pipes through the building and every convenience that can save labor and time. The advantage of using cement instead of wood for vats and floors can readily be seen—they are as hard as stone, and by turning on water, can in a few moments be washed and kept perfectly pure. The fish are brought directly from the water to the packing house and in an hour from the time they are landed they have been clipped, washed and put in ices. This is another great advantage over shipping them to be packed, as by the time they reached Washington and were sold, at least twenty-four hours had necessarily elapsed, and frequently when the weather was warm, the fish were not marketable. Last year many fishermen discontinued landing their fish, as the prices were too low to pay expenses, but had they had a packing house at hand, the many thousands that were liberated from their nets might have been made a large source of income. Messrs. Johnson and Oswell employ about fifty or sixty hands, and many of them earn from \$1.50 to \$1.75 a day. The fish after being packed are shipped to Southern cities, principally to Petersburg and Richmond. The scene on this pretty shore is an animated one, and is visited by many persons who are shown every courtesy by the gentlemen proprietors. Mr. Gouldman keeps a team constantly employed hauling away the refuse, which makes an unequal fertilizer for the soil. Some of the fishermen are so much pleased with the process used in packing here, that they will purchase their fish already packed instead of doing it as formerly. Five thousand barrels of fish have already been sold, and before the season is over, that amount will probably be more than doubled. It is indeed gratifying to the people in this section to have such enterprises among them. There has been so much said and written on the subject of establishing factories in the South for utilizing raw materials, instead of shipping them away, that it seems useless to add a word, but it is very evident that many fine opportunities for money-making are lost for want of management—and then the people cry "hard times."

Signs of Improvement Major "Ned" and His Luck—Sale of Property—Colonial Dwelling Attractively Described.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

King George Co., April 25th, 1900.

A careful observer will discover many signs of improvement in the material condition of our people. One of the most noticeable of these is the thrift and enterprise in the reclaiming of waste land and the building of new homes. A ride along our public roads, after an absence of a few months, reveals the fact that many places are now heretofore lying waste or fallow, have been opened up and cleared away for the plow, and on them have been erected new dwellings; and these are not old style cabins, built of unbarbed logs, with mud and plastered with wooden chimneys and staked and ridered roofs, but neat and substantial frame buildings.

Mr. James Ferrall is building a new store house on the old church, which Mr. J. B. Price, merchant at Alden, will occupy this new building as a branch store. This will supply a long-felt want, for there are several families nearby who have lived without a store in sight for many years, the nearest being, at least, a mile off, and this in King George, too.

Our amiable and popular friend, Major "Ned," who ranks as "Grand Scribbler" in our county official, regards the fact that he has been prevented from attending the World's Fair, in Chicago, seven years ago because the walking was bad, and now he despairs of visiting the great Exposition in Paris on account of high water. He has some consolation in the hope of witnessing the grand astronomical display, which is announced to occur on the 28th of May, when Luna will cross the path of Sol and the double couple carry on a few hours' flirtation. He has his moments of smoked glass all ready for a scientific observation, but is haunted by a fear that, in pursuance of his bad luck, the eclipse may be postponed on account of weather.

Mrs. Laura Thornton has recently sold to Mr. Wm. T. Pratt of "Camden," her house and lot in Port Royal, together with 250 acres of farm land attacked. Mrs. T. will continue to occupy the premises till September next. This property was the ancestral home of the Lightfoot family, which, for many generations, was most prominent in the social history of Port Royal, but has now disappeared. The original dwelling still stands and is remarkably well preserved. It is a quaint old structure, built in prehistoric times and so old that there is not even a tradition of its erection, or of its earliest history. It is a one-story frame building, over one hundred feet in length, surmounted by an immense roof, and supplied with massive brick and stone chimneys. Its exterior lines are severely plain, while

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